Christchurch Brunswick PCC

Wednesday 24th February 2021

**Present**: Andy Crome, Dilu Varughese, Joel Colyer, Agnes Ablakwa, Jess Davis, Tim Craft, Sally Jones, Ann Cain, Simon Gatenby (chair), Judith Keeble, Gordon Flear

**Apologies**, Yuko Ang, Jenny Ferneyhough

**Introduction:**  Jess had been looking at verses from Isaiah 40 :3-5. A message of hope, a call to get things ready and a certainty that God will turn up. Relevant then, relevant to us today as we hopefully move out of Lockdown. Jess Prayed for PCC

**Minutes of 19th January 2021** -the minutes were accepted as a true record and thanks to Tim who stood in as Secretary

1. **Matters/Actions arising not elsewhere on agenda** 
   1. **Next PCC meetings –** agreed 25th March, 20th or 27th April (decide 25/3) and AGM in May
   2. **Opening of Church Buildings –** Noted our decisions had been influenced by heating issues. Not with standing it was AGREED after discussion that from Sunday 14th March Church services would all be back in building (and also on zoom) as long as restrictions allowed. It was also suggested that Junior Sunday school remain on line in March and as lockdown hopefully reduced in April that it could return to building on April 11th (ACTION Gordon to advise Sunday school leaders)
   3. **Completion of Curacy –** Jess was formally congratulated on her completion of Curacy.
2. **Mission Priorities** 
   1. Priority 1 Worship, Prayer and Evangelism

Stepping Stones for Growth being used in PCC (see later).

* 1. Priority 2 Young People

No specific actions for this MAP this month

* 1. Priority 3 Refurb- Making the building fit for purpose.

Gordon went through the Refurb update paper and Sally’s “funding the gap” paper. Various questions and comments were made. PCC AGREED

* to add Lounge roof to Phase 1 Refurb
* to proceed with build knowing that there is at present a gap based on the numbers that were given at this PCC. Changes (which will occur) will need to be brought back to PCC
* that the idea of a Thank offering after the Completion of Phase 1 to give away to other projects was good and should be progressed
* that a letter advising other Church’s of our building and sharing how he had provided should be sent. It was noted that work done on this would create more theological background on the “whys” of Refurb on Church website
* and authorised Sally and Simon to sign a CSA small grant application

PCC noted the report on the garden project noting involvement of previous Brunswick worshipper who was a garden designer (and lives in Aberdeen).

* 1. Priority 4 More people in the mix more often.

1. Virtual pancake party happened and is displayed on Website and was thought a success
2. PCC discussed the offer of dates for a Scargill visit in July 2022 and after checking various potential clashes agreed to book date.
   1. Priority 5 Positive Steps Project

Simon and Judith updated PCC regarding the project with Christians Against Poverty. It was hoped that we would find out about funding in early March and details would be brought to March PCC

1. **Reports** 
   1. **Fabric**
2. Simon updated PCC on repairs and work going on in Barnabas and that a 4th person (via Holy Innocents) had moved in – so house was now full, and able to fund such improvements
3. Joel asked about the access issues with new fencing at Church – it was confirmed that the Brunswick gate would be permanently padlocked and Hartfield close entrance be main way in (maybe with a Number padlock)
   1. **Finance**
4. Minibus: Simon updated PCC on the poor state of Minibus and looking to take it off road and save on insurance. Comments were made that it would be good to have replacement by Summer.
   1. **Safeguarding**
5. Jess updated PCC that Diocese have confirmed Naomi can start in her role. She will have to complete C2 training but after Easter. Also noted various other individuals have to complete C2 training
6. She noted that everyone bar 1 or 2 people had now completed C0 or C1 and she would chase these up
7. Joel asked as he was now 18 did, he requires DBS – this was confirmed and Simon would send him links etc
8. Although it was not a requirement, it was a recommendation that all trustees should be DBS checked so Simon would send out links to any PCC member that did not already have a Church DBS .
   1. **Pastoral**

Nothing noted- there are two outstanding actions (99/112) to be progressed

* 1. **Deanery Synod.**

Simon quickly noted the increasing involvement he was having with other Church’s in our potential missional community under the Heartedge grouping at The Ascension Hulme

1. **Stepping Stones for Growth**

PCC watched the third session of this, breaking into groups for the discussion elements.

1. **Review and Close**

Simon felt use of groups had been good and it had been great to meet with each other – PCC agreed. He closed in Prayer at approx. 21.40 pm

Gordon Flear

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